United Nations International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

TEMPORARY JOB OPENING (Duration until 31 December 2023)

Associate Legal Officer, P-2

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS : 19 Dec 2022
DATE OF ISSUANCE : 15 Dec 2022
OFFICE : Office of the Prosecutor
LOCATION : The Hague
JOB OPENING NUMBER : 22-LEG-RMT-197688-J-THE HAGUE

Organizational setting and Reporting:
The post is located in the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT), Hague Branch. The incumbent will work under the direct supervision of the Legal Officer overseeing diverse legal activities related to assisting national jurisdictions.

Responsibilities:
The incumbent will perform the following duties:

- Assist in evidence analysis and the preparation of legal arguments, briefs, motions and other documents, and draft background memoranda.
- Undertake legal research on a diverse range of factual, procedural and substantive issues in criminal law, international law, and international humanitarian law using multiple research sources; select relevant material, analyse information and present findings for internal review in either written or oral form.
- Assist in the preparation of evidence the evaluation of testimony and evidence admitted during trial.
- Perform other duties and special assignments as required.

Core Competencies:

- Professionalism - Knowledge of legal procedures and instruments, including criminal law, with a particular emphasis on the legal practice of the ICTR/IRMCT and factual knowledge of the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia. Knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts, and approaches relevant to criminal investigations and/or prosecutions; good research, analytical, and problem-solving skills, including ability to identify and participate in the resolution of issues/problems; familiarity with and experience in the use of various research methodologies and sources, including electronic sources on the internet, intranet, and other databases; ability to apply good judgement in the context of assignments given; ability to plan own work and manage conflicting priorities. Shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; remains calm in stressful situations. Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work.

- Teamwork – Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organisational goals. Solicits input by genuinely valuing others’ ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others. Places team agenda before personal agenda. Supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position. Shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

- Planning and Organising – Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies. Identifies priority activities and assignments, adjusts priorities as required. Allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work. Foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning. Monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary. Uses time efficiently.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education:
Advanced university degree in law with specialisation in international, criminal or humanitarian law. A first level university degree in combination with two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree.

Experience:
Minimum of 2 years of progressively responsible professional legal experience, at either the national or international level. Previous experience as a professional or intern at an international or national legal institution dealing with war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide or terrorism is required.

Language:
English and French are the working languages of the Mechanism. For the post advertised, fluency in oral and written English, with excellent drafting and oral ability, is required. Fluency in BCS is a distinct advantage. A working knowledge of French is desirable.

**Assessment:**
Selection will be based upon comparative analysis of the candidates.

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**Special Notice:**
Candidates who applied to TJO 196775 need not re-apply.

The United Nations Secretariat is committed to achieving 50/50 gender balance in its staff. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

The appointment is limited to the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals. Appointment of the successful candidate on this position will be limited to the initial funding of the post. Extension of the appointment is subject to the extension of the mandate and/or the availability of funds. As the international tribunals are not integrated in the Secretariat, UN Staff Members serve on assignment or secondment from their parent department/office if selected. Appointments of staff members in the United Nations are subject to the authority of the Secretary-General. Staff Members are expected to move periodically to new functions in accordance with established rules and procedures, and may in this context be reassigned by the Secretary-General throughout the Organization based on the changing needs and mandates.

**NOTE FOR PREVIOUSLY ROSTERED CANDIDATES**
Roster candidates must express their interest and availability for published job openings by submitting an updated PHP and cover letter.

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**No Fee:**
THE UNITED NATIONS DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE AT ANY STAGE OF THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS (APPLICATION, INTERVIEW MEETING, PROCESSING, TRAINING OR ANY OTHER FEES). THE UNITED NATIONS DOES NOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH INFORMATION ON BANK ACCOUNTS.

United Nations Considerations
According to article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, the paramount consideration in the employment of the staff is the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity. Candidates will not be considered for employment with the United Nations if they have committed violations of international human rights law, violations of international humanitarian law, sexual exploitation or sexual abuse, or crimes other than minor traffic offences, or if there are reasonable grounds to believe that they have been involved in the commission of any of these acts. The term “sexual exploitation” means any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, or trust, for sexual purposes, including, but not limited to, profiting monetarily, socially or politically from the sexual exploitation of another. The term “sexual abuse” means the actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions.

Due regard will be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible. The United Nations places no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. The United Nations Secretariat is a non-smoking environment.

Applicants are urged to follow carefully all instructions available in the online recruitment platform, inspira. For more detailed guidance, applicants may refer to the Manual for the Applicant, which can be accessed by clicking on "Manuals" hyper-link on the upper right side of the inspira account-holder homepage.

The evaluation of applicants will be conducted on the basis of the information submitted in the application according to the evaluation criteria of the job opening and the applicable internal legislations of the United Nations including the Charter of the United Nations, resolutions of the General Assembly, the Staff Regulations and Rules, administrative issuances and guidelines. Applicants must provide complete and accurate information pertaining to their personal profile and qualifications according to the instructions provided in inspira to be considered for the current job opening. No amendment, addition, deletion, revision or modification shall be made to applications that have been submitted. Candidates under serious consideration for selection will be subject to reference checks to verify the information provided in the application.

Job openings advertised on the Careers Portal will be removed at 11:59 p.m. (New York time) on the deadline date.

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**HOW TO APPLY:**
All applications must be submitted through the UN Inspira portal. The Mechanism is not able to accept applications for this vacancy via email.
Internal applicants may go to https://inspira.un.org
External applicants may go to https://careers.un.org